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## November BAH hosted by Franklin Savings Bank



The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce's November Business After Hours was hosted by Franklin Savings Bank and put the focus on giving thanks and giving back.

The bank used its spotlight to showcase one of its beneficiaries, Androscoggin Home Care & Hospice (AHCH), which celebrates its 50th Anniversary of providing high quality Home Care & Hospice services to Maine's residents.

We had more than 60 people attend this business after hours. Calzolaio's provided a spread of delicious appetizers and beverages and many door prizes were given away at the end of the night.

The AHCH 5K walk/run raises funds to support the great work that AHCH does in our community to support hospice patients and their families. The AHCH 5K Walk/Run is scheduled for May 7, 2017 and you can register now at [www.ahch.org/Events/HH-5K-Run-Remembrance-Walk](http://www.ahch.org/Events/HH-5K-Run-Remembrance-Walk).



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# CHESTER GREENWOOD DAY

DECEMBER 3-

The 40th annual Chester Greenwood Day was celebrated on Dec. 3 with a large parade and many community events. Earmuffs were the fashion of the day worn by people, dogs, horses, vehicles, bagpipers and jugglers. The theme of Holiday Celebrations around the World was showcased in the many floats in the parade. WKTJ live broadcasted the event with hosts Senator Tom Saviello and Ken True, Chamber vice president. Mt. Blue TV filmed the parade which can be viewed at [www.mtbluetv.org](http://www.mtbluetv.org). The floats were judged in adult and youth categories. The winners in the adult category were, in 1st place: University Credit Union; 2nd place: Franklin Savings Bank and 3rd place: New Hope Baptist Church. The youth category winners were, in 1st place: Girl Scout Troup #486; 2nd place: Franklin County Children's Task Force and 3rd place: Foster Career and Technical Education Center.

Festivities continued throughout the day with craft fairs, 5K races, historical open houses, cookie walk, kids shopping area and the 30th Annual Polar Bear Dip at Clearwater Lake in Industry.

Bangor Savings Bank hosted the annual Gingerbread House competition. The winning creations entered in the adult category were, in 1st place: Robyn Belcher and 2nd place: River Lisius. The youth category winners were, in 1st place: Natalie McCarthy and 2nd

place: Esther Bronwyn.

The gazebo in meetinghouse park was the location of the annual chili contest. The winners of that contest were, in 1st place: Shelby Bachelder and in 2nd place: Darryl Wood.

The day concluded with the "Itty Bitty" tree lighting hosted by Franklin Savings Bank and the auction at the Rotary Festival of Trees.

The Taste of Farmington event was new to Chester Greenwood Day. It allowed passport holders to enjoy a delicious sample from many of the downtown Farmington eateries. The votes have been tallied and the winner of the Taste of Farmington People's Choice Award is The Homestead Restaurant. Sharon Cullenberg's passport was drawn to receive \$25 in Chamber Bucks.

For those that don't know, Chester Greenwood invented many items such as the wide bottom kettle, spring steel rake and a design for both a shock absorber and the spark plug. His most memorable invention was when he designed the first pair of earmuffs at age 15. This would lead to a Farmington factory that would produce and sell as many as 400,000 pairs in one year worldwide.

Chester Greenwood Day was a wonderful day made possible by Chrissy St. Laurent and her parade committee.



University Credit Union won first place in the adult category for their float.



Girl Scout Troup #486 won first place in the youth category for their float.

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In the youth category the winners of the gingerbread house competition were Natalie McCarthy in first and Esther Bronwyn in second.

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## Member spotlight: Farmington Auxiliary

The Farmington Auxiliary is an organization in support of Franklin Memorial Hospital that raises money throughout the year through various fundraising events. All proceeds are donated back to the hospital for expenses that are not in their budget. On average, the Auxiliary donates between \$20,000-\$25,000 dollars per year to the hospital.

The Auxiliary has done numerous fundraising events to help raise money for the hospital including bake sales, bag/purse sales, uniform sales, book and gift sales as well as sales made from their gift shop located in the Franklin Memorial Hospital. Their gift shop includes a variety of items that family members can purchase for patients including Willow Tree figurines, jewelry, newborn items, flowers, stuffed animals and other assorted goods.



Stones are available to be purchased with loved ones names on them to be placed in the beautiful healing garden outside of the hospital. People can also purchase snowflakes with their loved one's name written on them to be placed on a Christmas tree displayed in the hospital's lobby during the holidays.

Another way the Auxiliary supports the hospital is by giving eight scholarships a year to area students going to school in the medical field.

You can support the good work of the Auxiliary by visiting their gift shop that is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For additional information, call 207-779-2581.





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## Hope Association ribbon cutting ceremony

Hope Association celebrated their new office location in the Bass Wilson building on Dec. 7. The Franklin County Chamber of Commerce joined in the celebration with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Hope Association has been providing supports to individuals with developmental disabilities since 1957 and assisting people with mental health and traumatic brain injury since 2000. For many years Hope Association has been partnering with families and businesses in Franklin County to provide these services and now has an office space to provide additional supports.



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Attending were, in back from left to right Susan Atwood, Franklin County Chamber of Commerce and The Wilton Group; Heather Rajaniemi of Hope Association;

Deelight Zitzelberger of LEAP; Becky Gallant, Laura Bolduc, Catherine Johnson, Courtney Wicker, Vickie Morton, all of the Hope Association; and Josh Michaud of Expenet. In front, from left to right are Wilton

Town Manager Rhonda Irish, cutting the ribbon is Donna Landry, Hope Association program director and at right Penny Meservier, executive director of the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce.

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